

OUTH JORDAN CITY
CITY COUNCIL STUDY MEETING

June 7, 2022

Present: Mayor Dawn Ramsey, Council Member Tamara Zander, Council Member Patrick Harris, Council Member Brad Marlor, Council Member Don Shelton, Council Member Jason McGuire, City Manager Gary Whatcott, Assistant City Manager Dustin Lewis, City Attorney Ryan Loose, Director of Public Works Jason Rasmussen, City Recorder Anna Crookston, Director of City Commerce Brian Preece, Director of Administrative Services Melinda Nagai-Seager, Assistant Controller Nick Geer, Chief Technology Director Jon Day, Systems Administrator Ken Roberts, GIS Coordinator Matt Jarman, Senior IS Tech Phill Brown, Director of Planning Steven Schaefermeyer, Director of Engineering Brad Klavano, Communications Manager Rachael Van Cleave, Human Resources Director Teresa Cook

Others: Jordan, Shannon Ellsworth, Jordan Passey, Carol, Nicole Squires, Josh Brown, Carl Barton, Shannon Ellesworth

4:43 PM
STUDY MEETING

A. Welcome, Roll Call and Introduction: *By Mayor Dawn R. Ramsey*

Mayor Ramsey welcomed everyone present and introduced the meeting. She excused Council Member Jason McGuire who will join the meeting shortly.

B. Invocation: *By Council Member Jason McGuire*

Council Member Zander offered the invocation in Council McGuire's Absence.

C. Mayor and Council Coordination

Council Member Tamara Zander said the LIVEDaybreak representatives visited her and invited the council to the weekly concert series starting this Friday. There are concerts every Friday and Saturday this summer at 8:00 p.m.

Council Member Don Shelton will be leaving town on June 16. He will be gone for the next council meeting and unavailable until about the end of the month. He attended the Jordan River Commission meeting and wanted to discuss a festival called "Get to the River," which many cities are getting involved with. He thought maybe our Parks and Recreation Department could let them know if we are participating, or thoughts about possible participation in the future.

City Manager Gary Whatcott said the last few years we have done something with that, he will get that information to Council Member Shelton.

Council Member Shelton also mentioned a “second Saturday event” that was discussed at the same meeting where cities organize service projects.

Mayor Dawn Ramsey said that might be the same thing as the National Day of Service in September, our city participated last year with several projects. This year, volunteer groups are putting together more of those projects for that day right now.

Council Member Shelton said the Jordan River Commission also offered a guided paddle tour for council members if interested; he said he would be interested in doing it.

Council Member Zander said she did that in the past when they offered it in canoes, it was fun and she would love to do it.

Manager Whatcott said he will speak with Director of Parks Colby Hill, who’s on the committee, and get that figured out.

Council Member Shelton had a high school senior call him for a class project required for graduation. He did graduate, so Council Member Shelton isn’t sure if it needs follow-up, but he lives along the Jordan River and uses the trail often going south. He claimed that there was a homeless camp along the trail in Riverton and asked Council Member Shelton to bring that up in a public meeting to see if there is anything there; he was concerned for safety.

Manager Whatcott said they will check it out, there have been numerous camps down there.

Council Member Jason McGuire joined the meeting.

Mayor Ramsey said she received several similar emails from Bingham students who had to choose a city topic or concern and send their suggestions. She doesn’t think a response was requested, and she appreciated him bringing up his concern. Staff was forwarded, and has seen all of those emails she received.

Council Member Zander was on the Jordan Trail about a month ago and there were no homeless camps at that time; she went all the way to Lehi and back on her bike and didn’t see anything. She noted that there are usually more camps in the Midvale section.

Council Member Shelton brought up our messaging on the drought. It feels like the state and other entities are more concerned about the drought than we are, and he knows we are following the guidance of the Jordan Valley Conservancy District appropriately. He has observed that there are people in his neighborhood who have just let their yards go 100%, not watering or caring for them. It’s starting to look like a desert and he doesn’t know if it’s happening in other neighborhoods as well. He would like to see messaging that tells residents it’s okay to water at least some, and it’s appropriate to care for your yard whether you’re watering it or not.

Manager Whatcott said the recommendation from Jordan Valley is two times a week, and that’s what the city is sharing on all of their social media and communication, all of which directs

people to the Jordan Valley website. If lawns are dead and the weeds are over 6 inches it's a code violation, otherwise there's really nothing the city can do.

Council Member Shelton asked if the two times a week was for turf, as the state is saying one time a week in their messaging.

Council Member Marlor said that just changed this week based on the hotter temperatures.

Manager Whatcott reminded everyone that the state messaging is statewide; there are some extreme areas in the state and he thinks that's why their messaging is a bit more restrictive. However, we are referring our residents to Jordan Valley's website to follow their guidelines.

Council Member Marlor said he has been doing two times a week. His lawn doesn't look like it used to, but it's at least keeping it alive with watering a little bit deeper. Hotter temperatures will cause problems though, and he doesn't think lawns will stay as green at that point with the two times a week.

Mayor Ramsey said that Jordan Valley and other areas have continued to say that every area of the state is getting their water from a different reservoir or system. Wasatch County will be different than Washington County, and Weber and the Box Elder area have a lot less water available right now than the Jordan Valley Water District. Other areas have restrictions in place currently, however Jordan Valley only has strong recommendations for twice a week.

Manager Whatcott said that one of the reasons we are sending people to Jordan Valley's website is because their information sheet is very in depth; it talks about the different water basins and where the water comes from. If people really want to get educated, they have a lot of great information readily at hand than the state's website. The state changes their website weekly in relation to recommended watering schedules.

Council Member Marlor noted he has access to secondary water and is still only watering two times a week, in the spirit of following the same recommendations, as he is sensitive to what is not going to the Great Salt Lake at this point. He moved on to ask for a quick update on Google Fiber.

Manager Whatcott said they are in town, cutting up streets and laying it in.

Director of Engineering Brad Klavano said they are doing the backbone of 9800 South right now, and they are in the neighborhoods of Chavez, Lampton and Holland across 1300 West. He drove by today and they are doing a good job, the neighborhoods look pretty clean. They got started a couple of weeks ago and as they finish up neighborhoods they will start sending out information regarding hooking up, but they have to get some of the backbone in and tested before they start. It might be a couple of months before those first neighborhoods get online.

Mayor Ramsey brought up that she and Jenny Taylor have been speaking, and after the parade they discussed the 9/11 Memorial they did for Weber County's Day of Service last year. It was a

walk through experience that was huge and overwhelmingly popular; they had over 4000 visitors in the three days it was open, with schools bringing kids by the busload. They didn't intend for it to be a more than one-time thing, but it was so popular and impactful that they want to do it again in a way that could be taken down and reassembled. This year it is being moved to the Davis County Conference Center, and it will be done all over again. She encouraged everyone who can to make a trip there to see it this year. It will be the second Saturday, around September 11, at the conference center; it will be up there for about a week. Ms. Taylor would love to come and have that be our city's Day of Service for 2023, inviting Salt Lake County and the residents here to come and experience that in collaboration with the Major Brent Taylor Foundation. This means we would work with Ms. Taylor and the foundation to find a venue large enough, and they have a few ideas of places in the city that might work for a venue; they will be trying to get that space donated because of the project, as well as find sponsors who will help cover the costs.

Council Member McGuire would love to see that here.

Council Member Zander supports the idea.

Council Member Marlor supports the idea and asked for photos of the original event.

Mayor Ramsey said there are some on social media, and they can contact Ms. Taylor to get some as well. She wanted to share the idea and encourage everyone to see the display this year. This would be done in collaboration with the committee of volunteers in the city and the Major Brent Taylor Foundation.

Council Member Shelton was supportive of the idea as well.

D. Discussion/Review of Regular Council Meeting

- Resolution R2022-22, Emergency Interim Succession List 2022
- Ordinance 2022-13, Food Truck Text Amendment
- Ordinance 2022-14, Council District Boundary Maps

Council Member Zander had questions and concerns about the food truck amendment, but called City Attorney Ryan Loose and had a discussion with him. She feels her questions were addressed adequately and she will discuss them at the next meeting.

Director of City Commerce Brian Preece said he had spoken with Attorney Loose, as well as Council Member Zander, and they discussed her concerns.

Council Member Marlor motioned to move from the study meeting to an Executive Closed Session, Council Member McGuire seconded the motion; Vote was unanimous in favor.

RECESS CITY COUNCIL STUDY MEETING AND MOVE TO EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION

E. Executive Closed Session

E.1. Discussion of the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION AND RETURN TO CITY COUNCIL STUDY MEETING

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Marlor motioned to adjourn the June 7, 2022 City Council Study Meeting. Council Member Zander seconded the motion; vote was unanimous in favor.

The June 7, 2022 City Council Study meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

This is a true and correct copy of the June 7, 2022 City Council Study Meeting Minutes, which were approved on June 21, 2022.

Anna Crookston

South Jordan City Recorder